(d) Rs. 542/- crores have been earmarked during 1999-2000 for procurement of vaccines and for assisting the States for IEC and travel mobilization, booth management and transport and POL.

(e) All States have shown good progress in polio eradication efforts. Notable progress have been observed in Orissa, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

Unequal Salary to T.B. Inspectors

†1725. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that out of the total number of T.B. Inspectors, approximately seventy are such who have been working on temporary basis and getting a salary of rupees four thousand only, whereas permanent Inspectors are getting around rupees seven to eight thousand as salary, and besides this, separate payment is made for visiting the house for giving medicine but this facility is not available to the temporary Inspectors;

(b) if so, reasons for this dual system;

(c) whether Government are going to make efforts for payment of equal salary; and

(d) if so, by when and how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM): (a) Under the National T.B. Control Programme, there is not post of T.B. Inspector.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shortage of Polio vaccines

1726. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:
DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the immunisation campaign in India has been handicapped by a global shortage of Polio vaccines, while almost 60 per cent

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.